(b) and (c) Payment of compensation would be commenced after the resolution of the case against the Union Carbide Corporation.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. Following the Bhopal gas leakage disaster, the Government of Madhya Pradesh has disbursed ex-gratia relief relief of Rs. 10,000/- in each case of death for 2760 deaths to the next of the kin. Disbursement in respect of 342 has yet to be made. An ex gratia relief of Rs. 1500 has been paid to each affected family whose income was Rs 500 or less. 78566 families had been given this relief. Measures have also been taken to provide rehabilitation facilities to the needy victims. The State Government has also formulated a long term action plan for this purpose.

Reconstruction of the Board of Directors of I.T.I. Ltd.

1486 SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Board of Directors of Indian Telephone Industries Limited has been reconstituted;

(b) if so, what was the main purpose for the reconstitution;

(c) whether for the first time Government personnel and leading industrialists were also included in the Board; and

(d) what is the total strength of the Board at present and to what extent its reconstitution will improve its efficiency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main purpose was to make the Board broad-based with more representatives from different units of ITI and by induction of management experts and industrialists.

(c) Industrialists were included for the first time, but Government personnel were already being nominated on the Board.

(d) The total strength of the Board at present is 13 Members. The new Board expected to bring in fresh thinking and expertise on several strategic issues and improve the overall efficiency of the organisation.

Effect of Power cut on Industrial Production

1487. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what will be estimated loss in production in case there is a 10 per cent cut in power supply in industrial cities like Bombay, Ahmedabad and Bangalore;

(b) what policy is contemplated to avoid any power cut whatsoever; and

(c) what role is assigned to captive power generation by the industrial units in the present circumstances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Long term plans have been developed to augment the generating capacity, to remove transmission and distribution inadequacy with a view to bridge the gap between power/energy availability and demand. On the implementation side, the measures include expediting commissioning of new capacity, implementation of short gestation projects improving the performance of existing power stations, reducing transmission